

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
August 2, 2018
5:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
3 Pond Road
Gloucester, MA 01930**

Board members present: Chairperson: Dr. Richard Sagall; Frederick Cowan; and Joe Rosa. Present from the Health Department: Assistant Director: Max Schenk. Absent: Health Director: Karin Carroll; Vice–Chairperson: Robert Harris and Claudia Schweitzer.

Chairperson Sagall welcomed City Councilor, Val Gilman to the meeting.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded by audio in accordance with State Open Meeting Law.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

Janice Toneatty of 18 Barker Avenue appeared before the board. She stated that there has been concerns with her neighbor's cow, bull, and roosters and their proximity to the wetlands. She stated that only horses and dogs are regulated under the Health Department and asked the board to reconsider adding other types of animals to the regulation.

Mr. Schenk stated that he met with Mr. and Ms. Toneatty onsite and they are very close neighbors to the animals. He stated that the Animal Inspector has been onsite as well. He stated that they have spoken to the neighbors about best practices and they would have to look into the issue to see if they are following the nuisance ordinances regarding waste and rodents. He stated that there will be a new committee called the Animal Advisory Board to evaluate issues such as these.

Chairperson Sagall stated that the Health Department needs to evaluate and work on a plan to discuss at the next Board of Health meeting.

Val Gilman, City Councilor appeared before the board. She thanked the board for their timely regulation regarding flavored tobacco products. She also stated that there is a new fluoride petition circulating through Gloucester and the forum the Board of Health did in the past on fluoride in the City's drinking water was very beneficial but in presenters could have been more balanced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to approve the Gloucester Board of Health minutes of the meeting of July 5th, 2018 as written. **Seconded** by Mr. Rosa. **CARRIED**.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Septic Review Subcommittee Report for July 2018- The Septic Review Subcommittee did not meet in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding a Presentation to the Board by the Massachusetts Sierra Club on the Possible Health Risks of Natural Gas Infrastructure- *Mr. Schenk* stated that the Board received an email from a representative from the Sierra Club asking to speak in front of the Board of Health to join in their coalition on the possible health risks of natural gas infrastructure. He stated that their main goal is to get communities to use more renewable resources than an expansion on greenhouse gases.

The board discussed the issue the Sierra Club has brought forth and agreed to invite a representative to the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding Board of Health Regulation Banning Smoking on Public Beaches in Gloucester- *Mr. Schenk* gave Board members a copy of the City of Beverly's ordinance where they prohibit smoking on public beaches.

The board discussed the issue of enforcement.

Val Gilman stated that they had tried to bring this through City Council years ago and it did not move forward all the way. She stated that she feels this would help with the legalization of recreational marijuana as well. She stated that this is a health issue due to passive smoke and a litter issue.

Mr. Schenk stated that he will draft a proposed regulation regarding banning smoking on public beaches.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Discussion Regarding Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations- *Mr. Schenk* stated that within the Board's packet there is the latest version of the proposed Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations.

Mr. Cowan stated that there should be an added section of trash and odor control.

Val Gilman stated that the proposed regulations look good but the Planning and Development Committee was looking at limiting retail shops from a distance from K-12 schools and not including preschools. The board agreed to add in this instance that City ordinances supersede the Board of Health's regulation in case there is any discrepancy.

The board reviewed the proposed Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations and submitted their suggestions to Mr. Schenk. The board agreed to bring the revised proposed regulations for vote at the next meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Presented by Karin Carroll and Max Schenk

The following "Monthly Report" was given to Board members.

[July Monthly Report](#)

Mr. Schenk commended the work that Sanitarian, Craig LoPiccolo is doing with Title 5 enforcements. He stated that there is an error on the report and it should read 6 instead of 0 for Title 5 enforcement letters sent.

Mr. Schenk stated that they are working to replenish the Narcan that was used at the Sawyer Free Library to save a life.

Mr. Schenk stated that the Pond Road Annex Building entered a lock down due to an issue with someone threatening a family member. He stated that they learned there is not a good process in place during a crisis and they are now working on a lock down procedure.

Mr. Schenk stated that the Health Department met onsite at 1 Pilot's Hill with owner Steve Aro and Senior Care. He stated that he is working with Building Inspector Bill Sanborn to board the property up.

Mr. Schenk stated that they had a small farewell gathering for Joan Whitney and they are sad to see her retire.

Mr. Schenk stated that Public Health Nurse Kelley Hiland will be collecting diapers for the Diaper Drive at the Sidewalk Bazaar next week.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Bray Street Cluster Development- *Mr. Cowan* stated that he is concerned about the proposed cluster development on Bray Street. He stated that his concern is that the developer should get the septic system plans approved before going through the other boards. *Mr. Schenk* stated that the developers do not need an approved septic plan but they need to prove they have an area

for a septic system before they could go before any boards. He stated that the Health Department has not approved any plans.

Pollution of Ram Island- *Mr. Cowan* stated that he is concerned about the pollution issue that was brought up in the past on Ram Island. He has heard anecdotal evidence that there is no pollution of wetlands detected. He would like that report confirmed, officially. *Mr. Schenk* stated that he will get the testing report from the Division of Marine Fisheries for Ram Island and report back to the board.

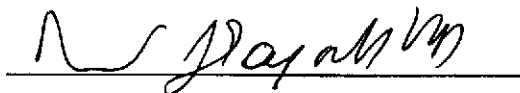
Waste Water Management Plan for House Boats- *Mr. Cowan* stated that there needs to be a provision in Gloucester's Waste Water Management plan for houseboats that are unlikely/unable to travel the required 3 miles offshore to empty a holding tank. He proposed that there be a requirement for an O&M contract for pump out service. *Mr. Schenk* stated that at present this issue of pollution prevention falls under the Coast Guard and the Harbormaster's purview. He agreed that an update of the WMP is due. He will get a list of the houseboats in Gloucester.

Essex Avenue- *Chairperson Sagall* asked for an update on the dwelling on Essex Avenue. *Mr. Schenk* responded that the issue is still moving forward.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Health- The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be on September 6, 2018 at the CATA Training Room at 5:30 p.m. *Mr. Cowan* stated that he will not be able to attend the October meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Rosa to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan. **CARRIED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by



Richard Sagall, Chairperson

Documents Referenced:
August 2018 Board of Health Agenda

July 5, 2018 Board of Health Minutes
July 2018 Monthly Department Reports
Draft Local Board of Health Marijuana Regulations
Waste Water Management Plan